

Sustainable Arlington

An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Register in advance: register here

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

- 1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
- 2. Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
- 3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
- 4. Review "ground rules" for online meetings
- 5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public.

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- 1. Introductions
- 2. Native American Land acknowledgement: https://native-land.ca/
- 3. DOER Draft Specialized Stretch Code (Stretch code update and new, opt-in Net Zero Stretch Code) written comments deadline extended to March 18, 5 pm

- a. Vote: will Sustainable Arlington vote to sign the <u>MA NZB Coalition_DOER</u> <u>Stretch Code Straw Proposal Comment Letter</u> supporting a strong Net Zero Stretch Code?
- b. Advocates Guide to Net Zero Stretch Code
- c. How to submit written comments on the Net Zero Stretch Code
- 4. Zero Waste Arlington's Warrant Article to regulate single-use plastic water bottles. Sustainable Arlington is being asked to vote on supporting it.
 - a. Warrant Article and executive summary
- 5. Quiet, Healthy Arlington's Warrant Article to regulate gas-powered leaf blowers. Sustainable Arlington is being asked to vote on supporting it.
 - a. Leafblower Warrant Article
- 6. <u>Arlington Community Electricity:</u> next contract before the Select Board on March 21. Hear from Arlington Mothers Out Front about the need to raise the default level of local renewable energy in the new contract.
- 7. EcoWeek, April 22 May 7
- 8. Arts and environment: new education and outreach opportunities, Cecily Miller::
 - a. ArtsArlington's spring Artist-in-Residence Kari Percival is working with the community to create <u>"There's No Place Like Home."</u> an ecology activism education campaign centered on six original poster designs.
 - b. Arlington Heights Spring Fling Festival, May 21 (rain date, May 22)
- 9. <u>Save the Alewife Brook</u> update: <u>MWRA is Dumping Belmont's Sewage into Alewife Brook</u> and Door Hanger, <u>Please Don't Flush When It Rains</u>
- 10. Sustainable Middlesex, Carbon Countdown 2022, "Reaching Beyond the Choir," Sat., March 26, 9:30 -11:30 am, <u>Details and registration</u>. Virtual event, free and open to the public.
- 11. Updates:
 - a. Planning Department
- 12. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wed., April 20, 2022, 7:30-9 pm register here

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